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SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

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SUMMARY: DECEMBER 10 I DELIVERED AMBASSADOR BYROADE'S MESSAGE (REFTEL B) TO DEP FONMIN ABDULLAH AND SUGGESTED THAT AFGHAN AMB POPAL, WHO IS RETURNING TO ISLAMABAD DECE 13 OR 14, STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR BYROADE. ABDULLAH TOOK THE MESSAGE LIKE A MAN AND USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND OFF OUT ON BHUTTO'S PROPOSED ISLAMIC SUMMIT.

1. I WWNT TO SEE ABDULLAH IMMEDIATELY AFTER PAYING MY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, SO AMBASSADOR BYROADE'S MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED WITH ALL THE WARMTH THAT GOOD VODKA AND CAVIAR CAN PRODUCE. I SPELLED OUT AMBASSADOR BYROADE'S REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF VISAS FOR AFGHAN KOOCHIES WITH THE GOP AT THIS TIME. ABDULLAH SUGGESTED THAT AMB BYROADE
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SEND SOMEONE ELSE FROM HIS EMBASSY TO SPEAK TO THE GOP, BUT

DROPPED THIS IDEA WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR BYROADE WOULD HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS WITH THAT AS HE WOULD WITH HIS OWN INVOLVEMENT. I SUGGESTED THAT AMB POPAL, WHO ABDULLAH SAYS WILL RETURN TO ISLAMABAD DECE 13 OR 14, STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR BYROADE. ABDULLAH SAID THAT POPAL HAS HAD ONE MEETING WITH DAOUD ALREADY AND WILL HAVE ANOTHER BEFORE HE RETURNS TO ISLAMABAD. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT THE PAK DCM IN KABUL MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL, ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE DCM COULD ACCOMPLISH NOTHING BECAUSE HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT LET HIM.

2. WE COULD NOT OF COURSE FINISH A MEETING ON PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS WITHOUT ABDULLAH'S ADDING ANOTHER COMPLAINT ABOUT BHUTTO. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT THE GOA'S UNAPPINESS WITH THE IDEA OF AN ISLAMIC SUMMIT TAKING PLACE IN PAKISTAN. HE SAID THE GOA HAD NOT BEEN INVITED, BUT THAT IF IT SHOULD ATTEND IT WOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE ISLAMIC WORLD ABOUT THE TRUE FACTS INSIDE PAKISTAN. ABDULLAH ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT AN ISLAMIC SUMMIT IS A GOOD IDEA AT A TIME WHEN SENSITIVE NEGOTIATIONS WERE ABOUT TO OPEN ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTIONS. I AGREED WITH HIM ON THE LATTER POINT AND SAID THAT IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE SUMMIT WAS BEING PUT OFF FOR SOME TIME, AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY.
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